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April 01, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 April 1, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**SANTA ANITA AVENUE/SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD MEASURED ALONG ITS
CENTERLINE FROM 89.5 FEET NORTHEAST OF
THE CENTERLINE OF THE EAST LEG OF ARNO DRIVE
TO ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST CHANTRY FLATS
WITHIN THE CITIES OF ARCADIA, MONROVIA, AND SIERRA MADRE
ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FOR JURISDICTION
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the resolutions declaring portions of Santa Anita Avenue/Santa Anita Canyon Road, as depicted on the enclosed map, that are within the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre, in the County of Los Angeles, to be a part of the County System of Highways and to accept the transfer of all rights, title, and interest of the portions of the road from the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre within their respective jurisdictions to the County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt the resolution declaring those portions of Santa Anita Avenue within the City of Sierra Madre, northerly of a point measured along its centerline 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive, to be a part of the County System of Highways.
2. Adopt the resolution declaring those portions of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Arcadia to be a part of the County System of Highways.

3. Adopt the resolution declaring the portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Monrovia to be a part of the County System of Highways for the additional purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt the enclosed resolutions declaring the portions of Santa Anita Avenue/Santa Anita Canyon Road northerly of a point measured along its centerline from 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive to Angeles National Forest Chantry Flats within the geographical boundaries of the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre, as depicted on the map, to be a part of the County System of Highways for the purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair. The Cities will also transfer all rights, title, and interest of the portions of the road within their respective jurisdictions to the County.

The road is the only route that provides access to the Angeles National Forest Chantry Flats recreational facilities and the Santa Anita Dam, which is owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and for firefighting operations in the forest.

The United States Forest Service requested the County to take jurisdiction of the road, and due to presence of County facilities in the canyon, we agree that it is in the County's interest to take jurisdiction of the road. The County already maintains the segment of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the Angeles National Forest under a special use permit issued to the Los Angeles County Road Department on January 16, 1931. The County currently has jurisdiction for maintenance purposes for a 0.3-mile-long segment of Santa Anita Canyon Road in the City of Monrovia pursuant to Board of Supervisors and City of Monrovia actions in 1969. The County, the Cities, and the United States Forest Service desire to consolidate the operation and maintenance of the roadway under the County in order to facilitate reliable access to facilities served by the road.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). County maintenance and operation of the road will benefit all residents of the County of Los Angeles by providing reliable access to recreational and firefighting facilities within and above Santa Anita Avenue/Santa Anita Canyon Road.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The above-mentioned portions of the road are within the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre. Taking jurisdiction of the road and maintaining it to County standards within the Cities are worthwhile and of general County interest; therefore, the maintenance activities will be performed at no cost to the Cities.

The County's current annual expense for maintenance of Santa Anita Canyon Road is \$100,000, which includes the 0.3-mile-long segment in the City of Monrovia.

The annual maintenance cost of the road, after taking jurisdiction of the additional segments, is estimated to be \$200,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2014–15, sufficient appropriation will be included in each year's annual Road Fund Budget to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The resolutions have been approved, as to form, by County Counsel.

Section 1700 of the Streets and Highways Code provides that the Board of Supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, declare any highway in the county lying in whole or in part within a city to be a county highway for one or more of the following purposes: acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, or repair.

Additionally, Section 1701 provides that a copy of such resolution shall be forwarded to the governing body of the city within which is included any portion of the highway. Such governing body may consent to the establishment of such included portion as a part of the county highway. Upon taking effect of an ordinance or resolution containing such consent, such portion of such highway shall become a county highway for one or more of the following purposes: acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, or repair.

Further, Section 1702 provides that thereafter the Board of Supervisors of the county may acquire right of way to construct, maintain, improve, or repair such highway in the same manner as other highways and may pay for such work out of one or more of the following: (a) the county general fund, (b) the road fund, (c) the proceeds of any county bond issue voted for the purpose of laying out, constructing, maintaining, improving, or repairing county highways, and/or (d) any other fund available for such purposes.

Lastly, Section 1723 provides: "Upon the adoption of the resolution of consent by the city, such street or portion thereof within the city shall thereupon constitute a county highway. A certified copy of such resolution shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors. When the city council relinquishes an existing city street to the county, a certified copy of such resolution shall be recorded; and upon such recordation, all right, title and interest of the city in and to such portion of the city street shall vest in the county."

The governing body of the affected city may consent to the relative portion of the highway within its jurisdiction being included as part of the county highway system. Thereafter, the Board of Supervisors of the county may acquire right of way, construct, operate, maintain, improve, or repair such highway in the same manner as other county highways. The cities' resolutions, once adopted, will be recorded to effectuate the transfer to the County of all right, title, and interest in the road presently held by the Cities of Sierra Madre and Arcadia.

The County has been maintaining the segment of Santa Anita Canyon Road in the Angeles National Forest under Special Use Permit B-369-1 issued on January 16, 1931, to the Los Angeles County Road Department by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. The portions of Santa Anita Avenue/Santa Anita Canyon Road within the Cities of Sierra Madre and Arcadia are currently maintained by those Cities.

The City of Monrovia was incorporated in 1887 and per Annexation District No. 23, territory including, but not limited to, Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, which is the segment of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Monrovia, became a part of the City of Monrovia on September 23, 1957. On September 19, 1969, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution requesting jurisdiction from the City of Monrovia to maintain the portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road within Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, within said City of Monrovia as a part of the County System of Highways. On October 21, 1969, the City Council of the City of Monrovia consented to the County's request for the establishment of the same portion of the road under City Resolution No. 69-34 for the limited purpose of maintenance work. Therefore, the County has been maintaining this segment of the Santa Anita Canyon Road since then.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of jurisdiction and ownership of the road is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from a definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(5) of CEQA Guidelines. The adoption of the subject resolutions is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a project and is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The road is within the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre jurisdictional boundaries and also within the Angeles National Forest. Upon Cities' consent to jurisdiction, the County will commence maintaining the road at the County's expense. A maintained and reliable road providing recreational, flood control, and firefighting access within and above Santa Anita Avenue/Santa Anita Canyon Road will enhance the quality of life of residents of the County of Los Angeles and those who travel on this road.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and two original resolutions for each City to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

SANTA ANITA AVENUE/SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD

FROM 89.5 FEET NORTH OF ARNO DRIVE TO CHANTRY FLATS



**RESOLUTION DECLARING THOSE PORTIONS OF
SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF ARCADIA
TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, by reason of its location and travel thereon, those portions of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Arcadia in the County of Los Angeles, State of California (hereinafter referred to as Road), should be a part of the County System of Highways for the purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair, as provided in Sections 1700–1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Board of Supervisors of said County to acquire rights of way, construct, maintain, improve, and repair the Road and perform appurtenant work thereon provided the consent of the governing body of the City of Arcadia shall first be given by means of adopting the enclosed Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcadia, State of California, consenting to the establishment of Santa Anita Canyon Road, within said City, as part of the County System of Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that those portions of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Arcadia are hereby declared to be a part of the System of Highways of said County, as provided in Sections 1700–1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the aforementioned purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair and appurtenant work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the County agrees:

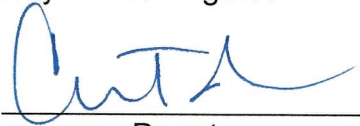
- (a) That the County of Los Angeles shall not be responsible or liable for claims and demands arising from or related to those portions of Santa Anita Canyon Road located within the City of Arcadia, which allege or assert any damages or injury occurring prior to County accepting jurisdiction of the Road.
- (b) That the City of Arcadia will relinquish and transfer all right, title, and interest of the City of Arcadia in those portions of the Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Arcadia to the County of Los Angeles by means of adopting a resolution to be recorded with the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.

- (c) That the City of Arcadia must indemnify, defend, and hold County harmless from and against any claims, demands, liability, damages, costs, and expenses including, without limitation, involving bodily injury, death, or personal injury of any person or property damage of any nature whatsoever, arising from or related to all claims and demands arising from or related to those portions of Santa Anita Canyon Road located within the City, which allege or assert any damage or injury occurring prior to County accepting jurisdiction of the Road.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 1st day of April, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By 
Deputy Sr. Associate

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PORTION OF
SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROVIA
TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, on September 19, 1969, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution requesting jurisdiction from the City of Monrovia to maintain the portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road within Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, within the said City (hereinafter referred to as Road) as a part of the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles, all as provided in Sections 1700–1704 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the limited purpose of maintenance; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1969, the City Council of the City of Monrovia consented to the establishment of a portion of the Santa Anita Canyon Road under City Resolution No. 69-34 within Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, within said City as a part of the County System of Highways for the limited purpose of maintenance; and

WHEREAS, by reason of its location and travel thereon, and in light of the regional significance and general County interest in Santa Anita Canyon Road, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of said County to amend the previously approved resolution to request that the portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Monrovia, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, be made a part of the County System of Highways for the additional purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, improvement, and repair as provided in Sections 1700–1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Board of Supervisors of said County to acquire rights of way, construct, maintain, improve, and repair the Road and perform appurtenant work thereon provided the consent of the governing body of the City of Monrovia shall first be given by means of adopting the enclosed Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monrovia, State of California, consenting to the establishment of Santa Anita Canyon Road, within said City, as part of the County System of Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road within the City of Monrovia, is hereby declared to be a part of the System of Highways of said County as provided in Sections 1700–1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the aforementioned limited purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, repair, and appurtenant work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the County agrees:

- (a) That the City of Monrovia must indemnify, defend, and hold County harmless from and against any claims, demands, liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, involving bodily injury, death, or personal injury of any person or property damage of any nature whatsoever, arising from or related to all claims and demands arising from or related to that portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road located within the City, which allege or assert any damage or injury occurring prior to County accepting jurisdiction of the Road. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall have no obligation to indemnify, defend, or hold County harmless against claims or demands which allege or assert damage or injury resulting from the County's maintenance of said portion of Santa Anita Canyon Road.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 1st day of April, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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NORTHERLY OF A POINT MEASURED ALONG ITS CENTERLINE 89.5 FEET
NORTHEAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE EAST LEG OF ARNO DRIVE
TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, by reason of its location and travel thereon, those portions of Santa Anita Avenue within the City of Sierra Madre, northerly of a point measured along its centerline 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California (hereinafter referred to as Road), should be a part of the County System of Highways for the purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair, as provided in Sections 1700–1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Board of Supervisors of said County to acquire rights of way, construct, maintain, improve, and repair the Road and perform appurtenant work thereon provided the consent of the governing body of the City of Sierra Madre shall first be given by means of adopting the enclosed Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, State of California, consenting to the establishment of those portions of Santa Anita Avenue within said City, northerly of a point measured along its centerline 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive, as part of the County System of Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that those portions of Santa Anita Avenue within the City of Sierra Madre, northerly of a point measured along its centerline 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive is hereby declared to be a part of the System of Highways of said County, as provided in Sections 1700–1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the aforementioned purposes of acquisition of rights of way, construction, maintenance, improvement, repair, and appurtenant work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the County agrees:

- (a) That the County of Los Angeles shall not be responsible or liable for claims and demands arising from or related to that portion of Santa Anita Avenue located within the City of Sierra Madre, which allege or assert any damages or injury occurring prior to County accepting jurisdiction of the Road.
- (b) That the City of Sierra Madre will relinquish and transfer all right, title, and interest of the City of Sierra Madre in those portions of Santa Anita Avenue within said City, northerly of a point measured along its centerline 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive to the County of Los Angeles by means of adopting the Resolution to be recorded with the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.

- (c) That the City of Sierra Madre must indemnify, defend, and hold County harmless from and against any claims, demands, liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, involving bodily injury, death, or personal injury of any person or property damage of any nature whatsoever, arising from or related to all claims and demands arising from or related to those portions of Santa Anita Avenue within said City, northerly of a point measured along its centerline 89.5 feet northeast of the centerline of the east leg of Arno Drive, which allege or assert any damage or injury occurring prior to County accepting jurisdiction of the Road.

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